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The Trustees
The American Austrian Society
Illé Woodward Building
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I received your letter of 18 November with regard to the American Austrian Society. I have the closest interest in Austria because I have long lived in the country and, in addition to that, have an Austrian son-in-law. However, in view of my present governmental work here in Washington, I have adopted a rule, which I fear applies in this instance, of not joining any associations of this nature. I do sincerely wish you all success in your task of furthering the understanding between this country and Austria.

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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